(a) whether there is any rule that office bearers of a Co-operative Society or a Bank should not be proprietors or Directors or Manager of a private Bank ;

(b) is there any Co-operative Society at Irinjalakkuda whose office bearers do conduct Banks of their own ; if so, what action has been taken by the Government regarding the same ;

(c) whether there were any complaints regarding the same, and what action has the Government taken ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) No.

(b) Four of the 11 committee members of the Irinjalakkuda Town Co-operative Bank Ltd., are also Directors of a private Bank. The latter part of the question does not call for an answer in view of the reply to part (a).

(c) Yes. The petitions have been referred to the committee for being placed before the General body for consideration. That body met on 29th Kumbham, but nothing came out of it. It is proposed to summon another meeting on 21st Meenam 1102.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know when that meeting took place ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—There is no information. Reports have not been received.

Heads of Departments as Chiarmen or Directors of Banks.

485. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—(a) In answer to question No. 135 of last Vrischigam session I was asked to refer to Standing Order No. 57. Will the Government be pleased to state whether any Heads of Departments have acted against the S. O. during the last two years ;

(b) whether Dr. Verghese, Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer, is a Director or a promoter of any limited concern ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) No.

(b) Yes, he is a Director of the Cochin Electric Company.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know whether the Government have got any information that Dr. Verghese is the Director of many limited companies in Travancore ?

President.—He may be the Director of many limited companies.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Does not Standing Order 57 prohibit him from taking any part in the management of limited companies ;

President.—The rule is in force only in the Cochin State.

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